

2003 Quota Information Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge

Call-In Procedures

Saturday, October 11, Wednesday, October 15 and Saturday, October 18 are the three dates Quota Permits will be issued. Calls will be accepted between 8:00 a.m. and Noon.

Three Phone lines are available: **(321) 861-1274, 861-1275 or 861-2805.**

Quota Permits are Required to hunt in **Area 1 and 4** during the months of **November and December**. Quota Permits are not required in Hunt Areas 2 and 3 anytime or in Hunt Areas 1 and 4 in January. Other regulations apply (See Hunt Regulations). **Special note:** Due to construction, Quota Permits will not be issued for Shiloh 5, L Pond or M Pond for the 2003 season. You may hunt in these impoundments without a quota permit (all other regulations apply), but heavy equipment operating in the area may disturb waterfowl in the hunt area.

Forth three (43) permits will be issued for each Hunt Day (Wednesday) or combined Hunt Days (Weekends and/or Holidays).

Each Permit Cost: \$12.50 The cost is same for a one day permit or a two-day permit. The Permit is good for the permit holder plus three quests (total of 4 people). The party must stay within 30 yards of permit holder but can occupy separate hunting blinds. The permits can be transferred to another hunter.

One permit per day- Individuals can only obtain one permit per call-in date. They can call on each of the three call-in dates and obtain a total of three permits. Someone other than the hunter can call to obtain a permit but they must have all the required information.

To Obtain a Permit:

1. You must call one of the above numbers on any of the three call-in dates (Oct.11,15 & 18) No walk-in customers accepted.
2. You must have the following information: Name as it appears on the Hunter Safety Card and Card Number (usually 9 digits) We accept

- any State Hunter Safety Card.
3. Mailing address, phone number and date of birth
 4. Date and Name of Impoundment you wish to hunt.

Mail Payments (check or money order) to Merritt Island NWR, P.O. Box 6504, Titusville, FL 32782. Payment(s) must be received by October 31, 2003. Make the check or money order **payable to: Fish and Wildlife Service**. In addition to payments, you must send a copy of the wallet-sized hunter safety card unless you applied in 2002, then the information should be in the system. When calling all information will be verified including the need to send a copy of the Hunter Safety Card. It is important to send the wallet-sized card instead of the larger Certificate as it contains date of birth, hunter number and other information for identification purposes. All applicants must send a self-addressed stamped legal-size envelope. We will return the permit(s) in the self-addressed and stamped envelope the hunter provides. (No envelope no permit). Leftover/unclaimed permits will go on sale November 1 to walk-in customers.

Quota Hunts Dates: the following are the 11 Dates or Blocks of Dates Quota Permits will be Issued.

Hunt #1	Nov. 22 & 23
#2	Nov. 26 & 27
#3	Nov. 29 & 30
#4	Dec. 6 & 7
#5	Dec. 10
#6	Dec. 13 & 14
#7	Dec. 17
#8	Dec.20 & 21
#9	Dec. 24 & 25
#10	Dec. 27& 28
#11	Dec. 31

Dates to Remember:

October 11, 15, & 18	Issue Dates for Quota Permits (Call-In Only)
October 31	Deadline for Quota Payments (by mail or in person)
November 1	Leftover Permits go on Sale (Walk-In Only)
November 22	Opening of Regular Season